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## PRAYER SERVICE THREE

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Theme: “Your brother/sister will live”

#### OPENING HYMN

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Leader:** All powerful and ever-living God, we come together to offer you this prayer of praise on behalf of **N...** who has died in faith. Through the resurrection of your Son, you assure us that those who believe even though they die shall live. Brighten up with this hope the lives of the family members of **N...** and grant our departed brother/sister the joy of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

John 11:20-27

**Leader :** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of him.’

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Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Marta said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into the world.' **(PAUSE)**

### **REFLECTION:**

**Leader** : Jesus' resurrection is so powerful that it has destroyed the power of Satan and sin. Where sin brought death, Jesus' resurrection restored life. To those of us who mourn over the departure of **N...**, Jesus says: 'Your brother/sister shall live ... do you believe this?' Let us pluck up our courage and with renewed faith and hope, look beyond our sorrow by proclaiming with Martha, 'Yes, Lord, I believe!' **(PAUSE)**

### **MEDITATION ON THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY**

**(Refer to the appropriate day of the week)**

## INTERCESSIONS

**Response: Jesus, Risen Lord, strengthen our faith.**

- That we may persevere in our daily lives as Christians in a spirit of joy and hope. We pray to the Lord.
- That we may not despair in our faith in moment of hardships, trials and disappointments. We pray to the Lord.
- That all relatives and friends of **N...** may rise up stronger in Christian faith, hope and joy because of Jesus' promise of eternal life to those who die in faith. We pray to the Lord.

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

Presider : God of love and consolation, we thank you for assuring us there is life even after death. As **N...** believed in and followed Jesus your Son, grant him/her the peace and joy of eternal life in Heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All : **Amen.**

## CONCLUDING HYMN